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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following amended paragraph:

[0014] A blood collection set in accordance with the subject invention is identified generally by the numeral 10 in FIGS. 1-3. Blood collection set 10 includes a needle assembly 12 which comprises a needle hub 14, a needle cannula 16, a safety cap 55 (~~not shown~~), a shield 20 and a spring 22. Hub 14 includes a proximal end 32 and a distal end 34. A tubular inner wall 36 extends from proximal end 32 to distal end 34 and is connected to needle cannula 16 as in the prior embodiments. A tubular outer wall 38 is disposed in concentric spaced relationship around tubular inner wall 36. Tubular outer wall 38 is formed with a retention aperture 40 extending therethrough at a location near proximal end 32. Wings 66 extend transversely from tubular outer wall as in the prior embodiments.